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The Eastern Churches celebrated Easter on the 14th day of the Jewish month of NISAN, whatever day of the week this might be; the Western Churches postponed the feast to the following Sunday. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, visiting Rome about 156 tried and failed to persuade Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, to have the Eastern date observed by the

West. Pope Victor (190) commanded the
Eastern churches to accept the Western date
Bishops of Palestine obeyed; those of Asia Minor
refused. Victor excommunicated the recalcitrant
churches. Apparently Victor did not insist

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Beginning of Montanism
Condemned by Pope St. Zephyrinus
(199-217)